

KINGSBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for the Year 1964

KINGSBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1964

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Report on the health of the district for the year 1964.

The area is mainly agricultural, although on the coast many of the inhabitants are employed in seafaring pursuits. The beauty of the whole area, coast and inland, attracts many visitors throughout the year, the largest number, naturally, being during the summer months. Catering for these visitors is one of the main sources of livelihood for many residents of the district. There are, situated geographically within the district, the Urban Districts of Kingsbridge and Salcombe.

PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The personal health services are provided by various bodies, by far the greater part being under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, Devon County Council and the Local Executive Council. The environmental health services are controlled by the District Council.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a laboratory in Plymouth for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water, ice cream, foodstuffs, etc.

The Devon County Health Handbook gives details of the health and allied social services in the County of Devon. Much of its information refers to the County as a whole, but there are details of the various services provided in this district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were few cases of the infectious diseases of childhood. The one case of Sonne Dysentery occurred in a visitor to the district and no other cases arose from it. The number of new notifications of tuberculosis remained low.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board. The sources remain the same being chiefly for this district from the Avon Reservoir, with additional water on occasion from the Ranney Works on the River Dart.

The water is treated by flocculation and filtration. It is chlorinated and the pH is adjusted. The quality is of a high standard and it is adequate in quantity for the needs of the district.

Copies of reports of all samples taken by the Board are forwarded to this department. We are grateful for all the information passed to us by the board.

Samples of water are taken in schools by the County Public Health Department. Copies of these reports are received.

There are a number of small private supplies. Inspection of these and sampling of the water is carried out as necessary.

The amount of fluoride present naturally is negligible.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Work on the conveniences at Millbay, East Portlemouth, is likely to commence shortly. It is possible that conveniences will be required at Wonwell, Soar Mill and Lannacombe.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

A considerable amount of work has been done inspecting food premises, but with so many people catering for visitors during the Summer, there is still a large amount left to be done, and continuing supervision is essential.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health

October, 1965.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1964.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I submit my report on the work of the Public Health Department during the year ended 31st December, 1964.

SEWERAGE.

BROWNSTON. Conditions at this hamlet are still unsatisfactory and some form of disposal plant is urgently required.

GALMPTON. The construction of the sewers and disposal works and the installation of the pumping station is now complete. Some difficulties are being experienced in connection with the pumping station but I hope that these will be rectified at an early date.

SHERFORD. The system of treatment of the effluent by sand filters has not been satisfactory, particularly from the maintenance aspect, and it is intended to carry out modifications to these works.

WEST CHARLETON. The work of constructing new sewers and a new disposal works has now been completed.

SOUTH POOL. It is anticipated that the work in connection with the laying of new sewers and disposal works at South Pool will commence early in the New Year.

LODDISWELL. The consultants have prepared a detailed scheme for re-sewering part of the village and for the reconstruction of the disposal works. It is anticipated that work may start at the end of 1965.

OTHER SCHEMES. The construction of council house at Frogmore has necessitated the preparation of a scheme for this village. The scheme is to be phased and the first phase should commence early in the New Year. Conditions at Challaborough are still most unsatisfactory. The consultants have made a visit and are in the course of preparing a sewage scheme for submission to the Council. No progress has been made in connection with a scheme for Strete or for the improvement to the sewers and sewage disposal works at Modbury.

MAINTENANCE. It was anticipated that it would be necessary to have three mobile gangs in order to provide an adequate cover throughout the district. With judicious re-routing of the existing gangs this has not been necessary, but such an arrangement can only be of a temporary nature.

HOUSING.

Formal action to deal with individual unfit houses has continued during the year. To a large extent progress has been geared to the Council House Building Programme, but the number of unfit houses left to be dealt with is relatively small.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The number of grants made during the year was approximately the same as last year although the number of applications increased.

The new Housing Act which empowers Local Authorities to compel the improvement of dwellings within certain limits is welcomed, and in due course will provide the means for ensuring that houses in the district are provided with the "standard" amenities.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There was a further reduction in the number of carcasses inspected during the year and in the number of visits made to slaughterhouses in the district. It seems likely, however, that the numbers now being inspected per annum will remain relatively constant.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Steady progress has been maintained in improving the standards of sites throughout the district, and the improvement programme on a number of sites has been completed.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The weekly collection of refuse throughout the district was maintained during the year, not without some difficulty during the summer months. As reported previously a number of the smaller refuse tips on the outskirts of the District are nearing the end of their useful life, and it seems probable that, in future, all the refuse collected in the area will have to be transported to Molescombe refuse tip.

LITTER.

This represents a seasonal problem throughout the district although the slight improvement indicated in previous years has been maintained. The Council is anxious to improve the service in connection with the collection and disposal of litter, and next year receptacles incorporating paper bags are to be used.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The number of inspections carried out during the year was roughly the same as those of last year but in relation to inspections in connection with sewerage it should be borne in mind that a number of inspections take up considerable time, especially when surveys and work of that nature are being carried out.

Office administration has improved enormously, with the new filing system proving most helpful and time saving.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. J. COLE,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

October, 1965.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area - 70,818 acres.

Population - 11,590 (estimated).

Rateable Value - £318,772.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £1270.2351.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	LIVE BIRTHS			Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
	Total	Males	Females	
Legitimate	161	79	82	
Illegitimate	6	5	1	14.41
	<u>167</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>83</u>	
				Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births.
				3.59
				Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.
Still Births	5	4	1	29.06

Total live and still births	172	88	84
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INFANT DEATHS (DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE).

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	-

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	5.98
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	6.21
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	5.98
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	5.98
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	34.88

	Rate per 1,000 total Deaths. live and still births
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	-

	DEATHS			Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.
	Total	Males	Females.	
DEATHS	151	83	68	13.02

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Male. Female.

1.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	-	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningoccal Infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	2
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	5	1
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	-	1
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	8	10
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
16.	Diabetes	2	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	12	6
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	18	13
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	3
20.	Other Heart Disease	10	13
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	3	2
22.	Influenza	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	4	4
24.	Bronchitis	1	-
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	-
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformations	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	6	7
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
34.	All other Accidents	2	-
35.	Suicide	1	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
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		83	68
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Whooping Cough	2
Measles	16
Acute Primary Pneumonia ..	1
Scarlet Fever	4
Sonne Dysentry	1

Total .. 24

TUBERCULOSIS.

NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN DISTRICT DURING 1964.

New Cases.

Deaths.

Age Periods.	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	1*	-	-	-	1*	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-

* Posthumous Notification

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

REMOVAL OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

During the course of the year no action was necessary under the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts for the removal and detention in a County Welfare Establishment for aged persons.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

LICENSED SITES AND CARAVANS.

No. of Sites.	No. of Caravans licensed.	Licensed Individual Caravans
27	1149	23

8 sites, each with a maximum of five caravans, are exempt by virtue of membership of the Caravan Club. In addition there are two other mobile caravan sites run by the Caravan and Camping Clubs.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse	79
Litter Act	17
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	290
Visits in connection with complaints	70
Infectious Disease	7
Inspections of Caravan Sites	68
Houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts ..	272
Pests	2
Food Premises (Shops, Dairies, Hotels, etc.)	149
Public Conveniences	2
Rodent Control	-
Ice Cream Samples	21
Water Samples	13
Improvement Grants	208
Wrecks of the Sea	-
Slaughter of Animals Act	10
Petroleum Regulations	39
Dangerous Buildings	4
Drainage	89
Miscellaneous	58
Water Supplies	4
Food Inspection	10
Rent Act	1
Waste Food Order	3
Factories	4
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	58
Animal Boarding Establishment Act	9
Total	1487

MEAT INSPECTION

During the year 379 visits were made to slaughterhouses.

The following carcasses were inspected:

Bulls	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cows	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Heifers	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
Steers	..	..	..	..	..	..	147
Calves	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	..	1682
Pigs	..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Total							<u>2336</u>

The total weight of meat condemned was 3 tons 7 cwts. 3 qr. 3 lbs.

Diseased meat, etc. is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

The income from meat inspection charges amounted to £92.0.9d.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

		Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	.. .. .	255	36	79	1682	284	-
Number inspected	.. .. .	255	36	79	1682	284	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:							
Whole carcasses condemned	..	4	8	2	9	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	..	44	21	1	99	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	..	18.82	80.55	3.82	6.48	1.76	-
Tuberculosis only:							
Whole carcasses condemned	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	..	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with tuberculosis	..	-	-	-	-	1.40	-
Cysticercosis:							
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned		5	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration		5	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

OTHER FOODS.

The following table indicates the number of food premises in the area, by type of business:

Bakehouses	6
Butchers' Shops	12
Fishmongers and Fryers ..	1
Ice Cream - Retailers ..	77
General Stores	63
Dairies	3
Restaurants and Cafes ..	23
Hotels, etc.	63
Inns	41
Sweet Confectioners	8

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955:

Sale of Ice Cream	77
Manufacture of Preserved Food	8
Amount of food condemned during the year	67 lbs
Number of new registrations under Section 16	7

ICE CREAM SAMPLING:

Grade 1	15
Grade 2	5
Grade 3	-
Grade 4	1

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. in Register. (2)	Inspections. (3)	Number of Occupier Written Prose- Notices cuted. (4) (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	- -
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	3	- -
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	-	-	- -
TOTAL	30	4	- -

No defects were found.

There are 2 out-
workers.

RODENT CONTROL.

TYPE OF PROPERTY

NON- AGRICULTURAL

AGRICUL-
TURAL.

	Local Authy	Dwellg Hses (inc. Cncl Hses).	All other (inc. Bus. Prems).	Total of cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	36	3405	446	3887	837
2. Number of properties in- spected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	108	9	117	8
(b) Survey under the Act	36	946	97	1079	172
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	27	19	46	6
3. Total inspections carried out - includ'g re-inspect'ns	341	1063	129	1533	178
4. Number of properties in- spected in Sec.2) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats - Major	15	14	10	39	7
Minor	11	823	29	863	21
(b) Mice - Major	-	6	7	13	7
Minor	-	49	18	67	-
5. Number of infested pro- perties (in Sec.4) treated by the L.A.	36	683	9	728	9
6. Total treatments carried out includ'g re-treatments	94	765	17	876	12
7. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of "Block" con- trol schemes carried out	134				

WATER SUPPLIES.

Parish.	No. of Habitable Houses.	No. connected to Water Mains.	Estimated Population served.
Aveton Gifford ..	233	172	481
Bigbury	194	158	442
Blackawton	162	112	313
Buckland-tout-Saints	53	34	95
Charleton	119	93	260
Chivelstone	143	109	305
Churchstow	102	54	151
East Allington ..	143	101	282
East Portlemouth ..	106	75	210
Kingston	116	99	277
Loddiswell	240	178	498
Malborough	274	208	582
Modbury	375	312	873
Ringmore	92	84	235
Sherford	97	61	170
Slapton	160	133	372
South Huish	205	158	442
South Milton	136	116	324
South Pool	93	53	148
Stoke Fleming ..	300	243	680
Stokenham	540	472	1321
Strete	153	126	352
Thurlestone	288	215	602
West Alvington ..	185	147	411
Woodleigh	53	32	89
Totals ..	4562	3545	9915

WATER SAMPLES.

Source of Sample.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.	Total.
**South Devon Water Board			
Mains	199	6	205
Private Supplies	15	9	24
Totals	214	15	229

**These figures include samples of water not in supply to consumers.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, 1964

GRANTS FOR THE CONVERSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

SECTION 30 HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958.

	Formal applications received	Applications approved	
		Number of dwellings.	Amount of grant.
	Number dwellings.		
(a) Conversions	8	Owner occupied dwellings -)	£
		Other dwellings -)	
		)	6377
(b) Improvements	24	Owner occupied dwellings 10)	
		Other dwellings 5)	

STANDARD GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DWELLINGS UNDER HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Applications	Formal applications received.		Applications approved					
		27	Owner occupied dwellings					20
			Other dwellings					5
			Number of amenities provided.					
	No. of dwellings.	Total amount.	Bath or shower.	Wash basins.	Hot water.	Water closets.	Food storage.	
Grants paid	22	£2551 4 0	21	19	21	20	17	

HOUSES DEALT WITH AS INDIVIDUAL UNFIT OR SLUM CLEARANCE AREAS

Represented	26
Confirmed	26
Not confirmed	Nil
Demolished	4
Families re-housed ..	10

COUNCIL HOUSE PROPERTY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

	Houses.	Bunga- lows.	Flats.	Pre-fabs.	Houses Purchased and Re- conditioned.	Totals.
No. of pre-war houses erected	67	2	-	-	-	69
No. of post-war houses erected up to 1963	438	110	-	30	9	587
No. of houses completed in 1964	-	-	11	-	-	11
Houses in course of construction December, 1964	5	16	-	-	-	21
Totals	510	128	11	30	9	688



